

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company
Docket Nos. D.T.E. 02-24/25
Responses to the Department's Sixth Set of Information Requests

Request No. DTE 6-28 (Gas):

Refer to the pre-filed testimony of J. L. Harrison at 41, line 15. It is stated that "the average cost per customer for the past five years was chosen as a proxy for the average marginal customer-related accounting costs." In Sch. JLH-6 (Gas) Table 6, at 3, six years, rather than the aforementioned five were used. Please explain the discrepancy and calculate the average cost using the past five years.

Response:

The actual average used in the calculation of marginal cost for Schedule JLH-6 (Gas) Table 6, page 3 is a six year average (1996 through 2001). The note at the bottom of the Table, as well as the testimony, should be corrected to read six years. The calculated average cost for five years (1997 through 2001) is \$55.42.

Person Responsible: James L. Harrison